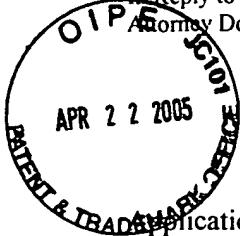


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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27, the Applicants hereby assert that the Applicants are entitled to Small Entity status and hereby assert such Small Entity status.

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(Invention Title)

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